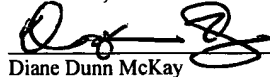




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Applicant notes that JP-A-2001-137689 and JP-A-2001-137688 are both equivalent to EP 1 080 780 A1.

Applicant submits that this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to a first action on the merits.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

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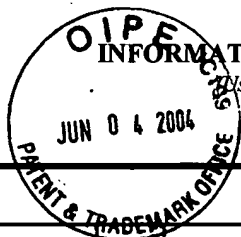
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